

Mr. Johnson arose to a point of personal privilege, presenting a communication of a threatening character.

And the same was placed on the file of the Senate.

Mr. Igou moved that Senate Bill No. 263 be made a Special Order for consideration for next Tuesday, May 15, 1923, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Wells moved that the Senate do now adjourn.

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate, at 6:32 o'clock P. M., adjourned to 10 o'clock A. M. Wednesday, May 9, 1923.

Wednesday, May 9, 1923

The Senate met at 10 o'clock a. m.

The President in the chair.

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Mr. President, Senators Anderson, Butler, Calkins, Campbell, Colson, Cone, Eaton, Epperson, Etheredge, Hodges, Igou, Johnson, Knabb, Knight, Lindsey, MacWilliams, Malone, Mapoles, Mitchell, Overstreet, Phillips, Putnam, Russell, Scales, Shelley, Singletary, Stokes, Taylor, Wells, Wicker—31.

A quorum présent.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journals of Monday, May 7th, and Tuesday, May 8, 1923, were corrected, and as corrected were approved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Knight, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary B, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Florida, May 9, 1923.

Hon. T. T. Turnbull,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary B, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 387:

A bill to be entitled An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 8494 of the Acts of 1921, of the Laws of the State of Florida, the same being An Act to fix the compensation of the State Attorney.

Have had the same under consideration, and recommend that it do not pass.

Very respectfully,

D. E. KNIGHT,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 387, contained in the above report, was placed on the table under the rule.

Mr. Knight, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary B, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Florida, May 9, 1923.

Hon. T. T. Turnbull,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary B, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 379:

A bill to be entitled An Act providing and defining the locality in which bills for divorce may be filed.

Also—

Senate Bill No. 385:

A bill to be entitled An Act to amend Section 2743, Revised General Statutes of Florida, 1920, in relation to the taking of depositions.

Also—

Senate Bill No. 386:

A bill to be entitled An Act to provide for the traveling expense of State Attorneys when away from home on official business, and to provide for the payment thereof.

Also—

Senate Bill No. 388:

A bill to be entitled An Act authorizing executors or administrators to distribute in kind or dispose of by private sale personal property of estates for the full appraised value thereof, specific legatees excepted, and to sell personal property of estates at private sale for less than the

appraised value thereof by and with the consent and approval of the Court having jurisdiction of such estate.

Also—

House Bill No. 201:

A bill to be entitled An Act to amend Sections 5497 and 5498 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida relating to Vagrancy.

Have had the same under consideration, and recommend that they do pass.

Very respectfully,

D. E. KNIGHT,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bills Nos. 379, 385, 386 and 388 and House Bill No. 201, contained in the above report, were placed on the Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

Mr. Singletary, Chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Florida, May 8, 1923.

Hon. Theo. T. Turnbull,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred (with amendments) after reading—

Senate Bill No. 270:

A bill to be entitled An Act providing a supplemental, additional and alternative method of making local improvements in Cities, Towns, and Municipal Corporations, authorizing and providing for special assessments for the cost thereof, and authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of said Municipalities, and providing for the creation of a revolving fund and the issuance and sale of bonds thereof.

Have carefully examined the same, and find same correctly engrossed, and return same herewith.

Very respectfully,

W. J. SINGLETARY,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 270, contained in the above report, was ordered placed on the Calendar of Bills on Third Reading.

Mr. W. P. Shelley, Chairman of the Committee on Miscellaneous Legislation, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Florida, May 9, 1923.

*Hon. T. T. Turnbull,
President of the Senate.*

Sir:

Your Committee on Miscellaneous Legislation, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 354:

A bill to be entitled An Act to amend Section 4617 of the Revised General Statutes, defining the term "common carrier" as used in Chapter 6, Title 4, Regulation of Railroads, Steamboats, etc. Division 4.

Have had the same under consideration, and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

W. P. SHELLEY,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 354, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. Putnam—

Senate Bill No. 425:

A bill to be entitled An Act to authorize the city of DeLand to levy a special tax for a hospital and city library purposes.

Which was read the first time by its title.

And the bill was placed on the calendar of Local Bills on Second Reading without reference.

By Mr. Mapoles—

Senate Bill No. 426:

A bill to be entitled An Act to amend Section 5 of Chapter 1919, Laws of Florida, relating to the appointment, duties and compensation of county attendant officers.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Education.

By Mr. Colson—

Senate Bill No. 427:

A bill to be entitled An Act granting a pension to Mrs. Martha L. Dickinson.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. Hodges—

Senate Bill No. 428:

A bill to be entitled An Act to establish the Chemical Division of the Department of Agriculture of the State of Florida; to define its duties and assign certain laws to the Chemical Division for enforcement; to provide for employees, funds and the making of rules and regulations; to define the duties of prosecuting officers; to define the duties of courts in reference to the enforcement of this Act; and for other purposes.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary B.

By permission—

Mr. Scales withdrew his motion to reconsider the vote by which the Senate adopted House Concurrent Resolution No. 12.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The following message from the House of Representatives was received:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 8, 1923.

Hon. T. T. Turnbull,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—
House Bill No. 427:

A bill to be entitled An Act defining and fixing the territorial limits and boundaries of the Sixth Judicial Circuit; creating the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit; providing for a Circuit Judge and State Attorney in the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit, and providing and fixing the time for holding the terms of the Circuit Court in said Circuits and effect on pending litigation.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

B. A. MEGINNISS,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 427, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary B.

Also—

Following message from the House of Representatives was received:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Florida, May 8, 1923.

Hon. T. T. Turnbull,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—
House Memorial No. 4:

A memorial to the Congress of the United States requesting an appropriation for the improvement of the

navigation of the St. Johns River between Jacksonville and Palatka and Sanford, Florida.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

B. A. MEGINNISS,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Memorial No. 4, contained in the above message was read the first time and was laid over under the rule.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was received:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Florida, May 8, 1923.

Hon. T. T. Turnbull,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—
House Concurrent Resolution No. 14:

Considering, That Section 2, of Article 111, of the Constitution of the State of Florida, provides that a regular session of the Legislature may extend for a period of 60 days; and

Considering, That the Legislature of the State of Florida in regular session convened in the year 1922, should adjourn not later than 12 o'clock noon, on the first day of June, 1923; therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate Concurring, That the Regular Session of the Legislature for the State of Florida for the year 1923, adjourn sine die, Friday, June 1st., 1923 at 12 o'clock, noon.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

B. A. MEGINNISS,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Concurrent Resolution No. 14, contained in the above message was read the first time and was laid over under the rule.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was received:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Florida, May 8, 1923.

Hon. T. T. Turnbull,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—
House Bill No. 727:

A bill to be entitled An Act authorizing the Board of County Commissioners of Lee County, Florida, to issue and sell interest bearing negotiable time warrants to construct and build a bridge across the Caloosahatchee River, whether within or without the limits of a municipality, at or near the City of Fort Myers, or for the purpose of providing funds to take over and acquire the property both real and personal of the Caloosahatchee Bridge Company, a Florida corporation, and providing for the levy of a levy and collection of a tax pursuant to the provisions of the General Laws to pay the interest on and to create a sinking fund for the payment and redemption of said time warrants.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

B. A. MEGINNISS,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 727, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and was placed on the Calendar of Local Bills on the Third Reading.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was received:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Florida, May 8, 1923.

Hon. T. T. Turnbull,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—
House Bill No. 613:

A bill to be entitled An Act to permit the voluntary resignation and retirement of Justices of the Supreme Court under certain conditions, with pay.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

B. A. MEGINNISS,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 613, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title.

Mr. MacWilliams moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 613 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 613 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. MacWilliams moved that the further consideration of the amendment be deferred and that it remain on Second Reading, subject to amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Butler moved that Senate Joint Resolution No. 214 be taken up out of its order and now considered.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And—

Senate Joint Resolution No. 214:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Florida.

Was taken up.

Mr. Butler moved that the rules be waived and Senate Joint Resolution No. 214 be read a second time in full.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Joint Resolution No. 214 was read a second time in full.

Mr. Butler moved that Senate Joint Resolution No. 214 be made a special order for 11:30 o'clock tomorrow, May 10th.

Which was agreed to.

And the resolution was placed in its order.

Mr. Stokes moved that Senate Joint Resolution No. 135 be taken up out of its order and now considered.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And—

Senate Joint Resolution No. 135:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Florida, relative to Taxation and Finance.

Was taken up.

Mr. Stokes moved that the rules be waived and Senate Joint Resolution No. 135 be read a second time in full.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Joint Resolution No. 135 was read a second time in full.

The Committee on Constitutional Amendments offered the following amendment to Senate Joint Resolution No. 135:

Strike out the figures \$250.00 and insert in lieu thereof the following: \$500.00.

Mr. Butler moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Stokes offered the following—

Substitute for Senate Joint Resolution No. 135:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to Article IX of the constitution of the State of Florida, relative to Taxation and Finance.

Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida, That the following amendment to Article IX, of the Constitution of the State of Florida, relative to Taxation and Finance, to be numbered Section Eleven (11) of said Article IX, be and the same is hereby agreed to and shall be substituted to the electors of the State at the general election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, A. D. 1924, for ratification or rejection, to-wit:

Section 11. No tax upon inheritances or upon the income of residents or citizens of this State shall be levied by

the State of Florida, or under its authority, and there shall be exempt from taxation to the head of a family residing in this State, household goods and personal effects to the value of Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Stokes moved that the rules be waived and Substitute for Senate Joint Resolution No. 135, be read a second time in full.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Substitute for Senate Joint Resolution No. 135 was read a second time in full.

Mr. Stokes moved to adopt the Substitute for Senate Joint Resolution No. 135 in lieu of the original Resolution.

Which was agreed to.

And the Substitute took the place of the original Resolution.

Mr. Stokes moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Substitute for Senate Joint Resolution No. 135 be read the third time in full and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And—

Substitute for Senate Joint Resolution No. 135:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Florida, relative to taxation and finance:

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

That the following amendment to Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Florida, relative to taxation and finance, to be numbered Section Eleven (11) of said Article IX, be and the same is hereby agreed to and shall be submitted to the electors of the State at the general election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, A. D. 1924, for ratification or rejection, to-wit:

Section 11. No tax upon inheritance or upon the income of residents or citizens of this State shall be levied by the State of Florida, or under its authority, and there shall be exempt from taxation to the head of a family residing in this State, household goods and personal effects to the value of Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars.

Was read the third time in full.

Upon call of the roll on the passage of the Substitute Joint Resolution the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Senators Anderson, Butler, Campbell, Colson, Eaton, Epperson, Hodges, Igou, Johnson, Knabb, Lindsey, MacWilliams, Malone, Mitchell, Overstreet, Rowe, Russell, Singletary, Stokes, Taylor, Wells, Wicker—23.

Nays—Senators Calkins, Cone, Knight, Mapoles, Phillips, Putnam, Shelley—7.

So the Substitute for Senate Joint Resolution No. 135 passed, title as stated, by the constitutional three-fifths of all the members elected to the Senate.

And the same was ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

Senator Etheredge stated that he was paired with Senator Scales—that he would vote yea and Senator Scales would vote nay.

Mr. Anderson moved that Senate Joint Resolution No. 385 be taken up out of its order and now considered.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 358:

Proposing an amendment of Section 1 of Article 9 of the Constitution of the State of Florida, relating to taxation.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Calkins offered the following substitute for Senate Joint Resolution No. 358:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment of Section 1 of Article 9 of the Constitution of the State of Florida relating to taxation.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

That the following amendment of Section 1 of Article 9 of the Constitution of the State of Florida relating to taxation is hereby agreed to and shall be submitted to the electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the next general election of Representatives, to be held in the year A. D. 1924, that is to say, that Section 1 of Article 9 of the Constitution of the State of Florida be amended so as to read as follows:

Section 1. The Legislature shall provide for a uniform and equal rate of taxation, except that it may provide for a special rate or rates not to exceed in the aggregate five mills, to be apportioned by the Legislature between the State and Counties, on that class of personal property

commonly known as accounts receivable, mortgages, promissory notes, bonds, stocks, and moneys on deposit in banks and at interest, and shall prescribe such regulations as shall secure a just valuation of all property, both real and personal, excepting such property as may be exempted by law for municipal, educational, literary, scientific, religious, or charitable purposes, and obligations of State and Counties, and any subdivision thereof, and of municipalities and such properties as may be exempt under any provision of this Constitution, and provided further, that household goods and personal effects to the value of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) shall be exempt from taxation to the heads of families residing in this State.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Anderson moved that the rules be waived and that Substitute for Senate Joint Resolution No. 358 be read the second time.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Joint Resolution No. 358 was read a second time in full.

Mr. Hodges, offered the following amendment to Senate Substitute for Senate Joint Resolution Bill No. 358:

In Section 1, line 15, strike out the words "Two Hundred and Fifty," and insert in lieu thereof the following: "Five Hundred."

Mr. Hodges moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Stokes, offered the following amendment to Substitute Senate Joint Resolution Bill No. 358:

In Section 1, strike out the words "on deposit in banks and."

Mr. Stokes moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Calkins moved that the Substitute for Senate Joint Resolution No. 358 as amended be adopted in lieu of the original Senate Joint Resolution No. 358.

Which was agreed to.

And the Substitute for Senate Joint Resolution No. 358, as amended, was adopted.

Mr. Anderson moved to waive the rules and that the Substitute for Senate Joint Resolution No. 358, as amended, be read the third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And the Substitute for Senate Joint Resolution No. 358 as amended, was read the third time in full as follows:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment of Section 1 of Article 9 of the Constitution of the State of Florida, relating to taxation.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

That the following amendment of Section 1 of Article 9 of the Constitution of the State of Florida relating to taxation is hereby agreed to and shall be submitted to the electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the next general election of Representatives, to be held in the year A. D. 1924, that is to say, that Section 1 of Article 9 of the Constitution of the State of Florida be amended so as to read as follows:

Section 1. The Legislature shall provide for a uniform and equal rate of taxation, except that it may provide for a special rate or rates not to exceed in the aggregate five mills, to be apportioned by the Legislature between the State and counties, on that class of personal property commonly known as accounts receivable, mortgages, promissory notes, bonds, stocks, and moneys at interest, and shall prescribe such regulations as shall secure a just valuation of all property, both real and personal excepting such property as may be exempted by law for municipal, educational, literary, scientific, religious, or charitable purposes, and obligation of State and counties, and any subdivision thereof, and municipalities and such properties as may be exempt under any provision of this Constitution, and provided further that household goods and personal effects to the value of Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars shall be exempt from taxation to the heads of families residing in this State.

Pending the call of the roll upon the passage of Substitute for Senate Joint Resolution No. 358—

Mr. MacWilliams moved to waive the rules and that the said Joint Resolution be put back on its second reading for the purpose of amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. MacWilliams moved to extend the time for adjournment today to 1:30 o'clock p. m.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Malone moved that when the Senate adjourns it shall take a recess to 4 o'clock.

Mr. Butler moved that when the Senate adjourns it shall adjourn to 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

The motion of Mr. Butler was not agreed to.

Mr. MacWilliams moved that when the Senate adjourns it shall adjourn to 8 o'clock p. m.

Which was not agreed to.

The question then recurred upon the motion of Mr. Malone that when the Senate adjourns it shall take a recess to 4 o'clock p. m.

The motion of Mr. Malone prevailed.

Mr. Johnson moved that the Senate do now adjourn.

Which was agreed to.

Whereupon the Senate at 1:09 o'clock p. m. took a recess to 4 o'clock p. m. this day.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Senate met at 4 o'clock P. M. pursuant to recess order.

The President in the Chair.

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Mr. President, Senators Anderson, Butler, Calkins, Campbell, Colson, Cone, Epperson, Etheredge, Hodges, Igou, Johnson, Knight, Lindsey, MacWilliams, Malone, Mapoles, Mitchell, Overstreet, Phillips, Rowe, Russell, Scales, Shelley, Singletary, Stokes, Wells, Wicker—28.

A quorum present.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Epperson, Chairman of the Committee on Banking, submitted the following report:

Senate, Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 9, 1923.

Hon. T. T. Turnbull,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

Your Committee on Banking, to whom was referred—
Senate Bill No. 413:

A bill to be entitled An Act relating to acknowledgements of deeds, mortgages and other instruments to a corporation before officers, stockholders or other persons interested in the corporation.

Have had the same under consideration, and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

W. J. EPPERSON,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 413, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

Mr. Anderson, Chairman of the Committee on Finance and Taxation, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 9, 1923.

Hon. T. T. Turnbull,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance and Taxation, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 129:

A bill to be entitled An Act providing that informalities, defects or omissions not affecting the substantial justice of the tax itself, shall not invalidate the tax nor the sale of real property for the taxes levied thereon.

Also—

Senate Bill No. 310:

A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the evidence necessary to defeat or to set aside title obtained under sale for taxes.

Also—

Senate Bill No. 311:

A bill to be entitled An Act providing for the foreclosure of tax liens.

Have had the same under consideration, and recommend that they do not pass.

Very respectfully,

S. W. ANDERSON,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bills Nos. 129, 310 and 311, contained in the above report, were laid on the table under the rule.

Mr. Igou, Chairman of the Committee on Roads and Highways, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 9, 1923.

Hon. T. T. Turnbull,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

Your Committee on Roads and Highways, to whom was referred—

Senate Joint Resolution No. 178:

A Joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Florida to be known as Article XX of the State Constitution, relating to Bond Issue of the State of Florida.

Have had the same under consideration and recommend the following amendment:

At the end of Section 3, after the word No. 8, insert the following: "And also such roads as are designated at this time as the "Federal Seven Per Cent System" in the State of Florida, and also to construct and build a similar road to connect with one of the State Highways by the most

practical and direct route to the County Seat of each and every county not traversed by any of its aforementioned highways.

Have had the same under consideration, and recommend that it do pass as amended.

Very respectfully,

W. M. IGOU,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Joint Resolution No. 178, with amendment, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By consent the following bills were introduced:

By Mr. Mitchell—

Senate Bill No. 429:

A bill to be entitled An Act to define the words "paid for by the city" as used in the thirty-ninth line of Section 42 of Chapter 8259, Laws of Florida, on page 692, Special Acts of 1919, said Chapter being the City Charter of Dade City, Florida; to authorize the City Council of Dade City to widen any pavement laid on any street or road in said city by the Board of County Commissioners of Pasco County, Florida, either for the county or for any special road and bridge district of the county, and to assess the cost and expense of so widening the same against the abutting property; and providing for and authorizing certificates of indebtedness to be issued by said city council on account of such assessments.

Which was read the first time by its title.

And the bill was placed on the Calendar of Local Bills on the Second Reading without reference.

By Mr. Wells—

Senate Bill No. 430:

A bill to be entitled An Act giving and granting to the Park-Wood Company, a corporation, its successors and assigns, the consent and authority of the State of Florida to construct one or more bridges over the canal from St. Andrews Bay to the Apalachicola River for the purpose of conveying logs and timber from its lands on the east side of said canal to its mill at Port St. Joe, Florida.

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Wells moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 430 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 430 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Wells moved that the rules be further waived and that Senate Bill No. 430 be read a third time in full and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 430 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll on the passage of the bill the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Senators Anderson, Butler, Calkins, Campbell, Colson, Cone, Epperson, Etheredge, Hodges, Igou, Johnson, Knight, Lindsey, MacWilliams, Malone, Mapoles, Overstreet, Putnam, Rowe, Russell, Scales, Shelly, Singletary, Stokes, Taylor, Wells, Wicker—28.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

And the same was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

By Senator Lindsey—

Senate Bill No. 431:

A bill to be entitled An Act to repeal Sections 6268, 6269, 6270 and 6271 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida; relating to the appointment, compensation, term of employment, qualifications, powers and duties of supervisors of Convicts; to provide for the employment of Inspectors of Convicts; to prescribe their powers and duties; to fix their compensation and to fix penalties for the violation of the provisions of this Act; to prescribe certain rules to be observed by persons in control of Convicts and to prescribe penalties for violating the same; to prescribe certain duties of the Commissioner of Agriculture and of the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions.

Which was read the first time by its title.

And made a Special Order for consideration together with all other bills germane to bills on said Special Order.

By Mr. Cone—

Senate Bill No. 432:

A bill to be entitled An Act to legalize, ratify, validate and confirm the issuance by the Town of White Springs, Florida, of that certain issue of bonds known as "\$30,000.00, Town of White Springs Water and Light Bonds," as authorized by Ordinance Number 133 of said Town; and to legalize, validate, ratify and confirm all steps, acts, proceedings and things done by said town in connection with the issuance of said bonds, including the passage of ordinance relating thereto, the calling of the election held therefor, and the form of said bonds and to declare, make and render said bonds, legal, valid and subsisting obligations of said town.

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Cone moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 432 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 432 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Cone moved that the rules be further waived and that Senate Bill No. 432 be read a third time in full and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 432 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll on the passage of the bill the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Senators Anderson, Butler, Calkins, Campbell, Colson, Cone, Epperson, Etheredge, Hodges, Igou, Johnson, Knight, Lindsey, MacWilliams, Malone, Mitchell, Overstreet, Phillips, Putnam, Rowe, Russell, Scales, Singletary, Stokes, Taylor, Wells, Wicker—28.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

And the same was ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

By Mr. Igou—

Senate Bill No. 433:

A bill to be entitled An Act to authorize the Town of Umatilla, Lake County, Florida, to construct, purchase, lease, establish, maintain and operate a municipal plant for the purpose of manufacturing, furnishing and distributing electricity, ice and water for municipal pur-

pose and for use by consumers thereof; to maintain in connection therewith a cold storage plant; to prescribe rules and regulations for the distribution of water, ice and electricity and the use of said cold storage plant, and to provide for the payment by consumers and users thereof proper compensation therefor; to authorize said town to reconstruct, extend and enlarge said municipal plant; to borrow money for the last mentioned purpose or to maintain and operate said plant; and to confer upon said town all rights and privileges provided by the laws of the State of Florida with reference to similar municipal plants.

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Igou moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 433 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 433 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Igou moved that the rules be further waived and that Senate Bill No. 433 be read a third time in full and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 433 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll on the passage of the bill the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Senators Anderson, Butler, Calkins, Campbell, Colson, Cone, Epperson, Etheredge, Hodges, Igou, Johnson, Knight, Lindsey, MacWilliams, Malone, Mitchell, Overstreet, Phillips, Putnam, Rowe, Russell, Scales, Singletary, Stokes, Taylor, Wells, Wicker—28.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

And the same was ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

By Senator Igou—

Senate Bill No. 434:

A bill to be entitled An Act to amend Sections One, Three and Four, Article Thirteen, of Chapter 8376, Acts of the Legislature of the State of Florida for the year 1919, with reference to the issuance and sale of Municipal Bonds of the Town of Umatilla, Lake County, Florida.

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Igou moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 434 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 434 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Igou moved that the rules be further waived and that Senate Bill No. 434 be read a third time in full and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 434 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll on the passage of the bill the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Senators Anderson, Butler, Calkins, Campbell, Colson, Cone, Epperson, Etheredge, Hodges, Igou, Johnson, Knight, Lindsey, MacWilliams, Malone, Mitchell, Overstreet, Phillips, Putnam, Rowe, Russell, Scales, Singletary, Stokes, Taylor, Wells, Wicker—28.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

And the same was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

By Senator Igou—

Senate Bill No. 435:

A bill to be entitled An Act to extend the corporate limits of the Town of Umatilla, Lake County, Florida, and to give the said Town of Umatilla, jurisdiction over the territory embraced in said extension.

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Igou moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 435, be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 435, was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Igou moved that the rules be further waived and that Senate Bill No. 435, be read a third time in full and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 435, was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll on the passage of the bill the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Senators Anderson, Butler, Calkins, Campbell, Colson, Cone, Epperson, Etheredge, Hodges, Igou, Johnson, Knight, Lindsey, MacWilliams,

Malone, Mitchell, Overstreet, Phillips, Putnam, Rowe, Russell, Scales, Singletary, Stokes, Taylor, Wells, Wicker—28.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

And the same was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

By Mr. Johnson—

Senate Bill No. 436:

A bill to be entitled An Act requiring the State Pension Board to investigate all claims for pension heretofore or hereafter granted under special Acts of the Legislature.

Which was read the first time by its title and on motion of Mr. Johnson the bill was placed on the Calendar of Bills on the Second Reading without reference.

The consideration of Substitute for Senate Joint Resolution No. 358, which was pending at the recess hour, was resumed.

By unanimous consent—

Mr. MacWilliams offered the following amendment to Senate Substitute for Senate Joint Resolution No. 358:

In Section 1, line 6, strike out the words "and moneys at interest."

Mr. MacWilliams moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Anderson moved to waive the rules and that Substitute for Senate Joint Resolution No. 358, as again amended, be read the third time as amended.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

The consideration of Substitute for Joint Resolution No. 358 was resumed.

And the substitute for Senate Joint Resolution No. 358, as amended on its second and third readings, was read the third time in full as follows:

A Joint Resolution Proposing an Amendment of Section 1 of Article 9 of the Constitution of the State of Florida Relating to Taxation.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

That the following amendment of Section 1 of Article 9 of the Constitution of the State of Florida relating to taxation is hereby agreed to and shall be submitted to the

electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the next general election of representatives, to be held in the year A. D. 1924, that is to say, that Section 1 of Article 9 of the Constitution of the State of Florida be amended so as to read as follows:

Section 1. The Legislature shall provide for a uniform and equal rate of taxation, except that it may provide for a special rate or rates not to exceed in the aggregate five mills, to be apportioned by the Legislature between the State and Counties, on that class of personal property commonly known as accounts receivable mortgages, promissory notes, bonds, stocks, and shall prescribe such regulations as shall secure a just valuation of all property, both real and personal, excepting such property as may be exempted by law for municipal, educational, literary, scientific, religious, or charitable purposes, and obligations of State and Counties, and any subdivision thereof, and municipalities and such properties as may be exempt under any provision of this Constitution, and provided further that household goods and personal effects to the value of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars shall be exempt from taxation to the heads of families residing in this State.

Mr. Stokes moved to waive the rules and to place substitute for Senate Joint Resolution No. 358 back on its second reading for amendment.

Which was unanimously agreed to.

So the substitute for Senate Joint Resolution No. 358 was put on its second reading.

Mr. Stokes offered the following amendment to substitute for Senate Joint Resolution No. 358:

Add at the end of Section 1 the following: "and a depositor shall not be taxed for any money on deposit in any banks in this State."

Mr. Stokes moved the adoption of the amendment.

Pending the consideration of the amendment—

Mr. Calkins moved that the further consideration of the substitute for Senate Joint Resolution No. 358 be deferred and made a continuing order of the day.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Butler moved that House Bill No. 613 be made a special order for 10:30 o'clock A. M., May 15.

Which was agreed to.

By consent, Mr. Butler withdrew Senate Bill No. 332.

Mr. Malone moved that when the Senate adjourns it adjourn to meet again at 8 o'clock P. M.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Campbell moved that Senate Bill No. 168 be taken up out of its order and now considered.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And—

Senate Bill No. 168:

A bill to be entitled An Act to amend Sections 1164 and 1178 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida, as amended by Chapter 8413 of the Acts of 1921, Laws of Florida, said Section relating to the creation of the Everglades Drainage District of the State of Florida, defining its boundaries, prescribing its powers and duties and authorizing the levy and collection of taxes and imposing assessments upon the lands in the said district, and issuing bonds for the purpose of draining and reclaiming the said lands and carrying into effect the provisions of the said Act.

Was taken up in its order and read the third time in full.

Upon the passage of Senate Bill No. 168 the roll was called and the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Senators Anderson, Butler, Calkins, Campbell, Colson, Cone, Epperson, Etheredge, Hodges, Igou, Johnson, Knabb, Knight, Lindsey, MacWilliams, Malone, Mapoles, Mitchell, Overstreet, Putnam, Rowe, Russell, Shelley, Singletary, Stokes, Taylor, Wells, Wicker—29.

Nays—Senator Phillips—1.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

And the same was ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Rowe moved to waive the rules and that the Senate do now take up House Messages.

Which was agreed to.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The following message from the House of Representatives was received:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 9, 1923.

Hon. T. T. Turnbull,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—
Senate Bill No. 41:

A bill to be entitled An Act for the relief of Frank Wideman, State Attorney in and for the Fourth Judicial Circuit of Florida.

Very respectfully,

B. A. MEGINNISS,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 41, contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was received:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Florida, May 9, 1923.

Hon. T. T. Turnbull,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—
Senate Bill No. 167:

A bill to be entitled An Act relating to certain Drainage Tax Certificates held by the Board of Drainage Commis-

sioners, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 5377 of the Acts of 1905, as amended by Chapter 5709, of the Acts of 1907, and the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 6456, of the Acts of 1913, Laws of Florida, and Acts amendatory thereof.

Also—

Senate Bill No. 346:

A bill to be entitled An Act to abolish the present municipal government of the Town of Lake Helen, in Volusia County, State of Florida, and to create, establish and organize a municipality to be known and designated as the City of Lake Helen, and to define its territorial boundaries and provide for its government, jurisdiction, powers, franchises and privileges.

Very respectfully,

B. A. MEGINNISS,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bills Nos. 167 and 346 contained in the above message were referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was received:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 9, 1923.

Hon. T. T. Turnbull,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—
Senate Bill No. 366:

A bill to be entitled An Act to repeal Chapter 7143 of the Laws of the State of Florida (1915), relative to special tax by the town of Daytona Beach, Florida.

Also—

Senate Bill No. 284:

A bill to be entitled An Act regulating and fixing fees and salaries of all clerks of the Criminal Court of Record in certain counties.

Also—

Senate Bill No. 340:

A bill to be entitled An Act authorizing the Board of County Commissioners of Duval County, Florida, to construct and maintain permanent roads and highways in Pablo Beach, Duval County, Florida.

Also—

Senate Bill No. 378:

A bill to be entitled An Act to establish Dade Drainage District in this State and define its boundaries, to create a Board of Supervisors for said district and to define its powers, authorizing the construction of canals, drains, dikes, reservoirs and other works for the reclamation and benefit of the lands embraced in said district and to levy assessments of taxes upon the lands embraced in such district and to provide for the collection of the same and the sale of lands to enforce the collection of such assessments, and to authorize the Board of Supervisors of said district to borrow money and to issue bonds and dispose of the same, to procure money to carry out the provisions of this Act, to prevent injury to any works constructed under this Act, and to provide a penalty for violating such provisions; providing for the joint control and supervision of certain drainage works by Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District, Board of Supervisors of Dade Drainage District, and Board of Supervisors of Southern Drainage District; and to amend Section 2 of Chapter 8871, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1921, and to amend Section 6 of Chapter 8871, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1921.

Very respectfully,

B. A. MEGINNISS,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bills Nos. 366, 284, 340 and 378, contained in the above message, were referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was received:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 9, 1923.

Hon. T. T. Turnbull,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

Senate Bill No. 410:

A bill to be entitled An Act authorizing the Board of Supervisors of the Halifax Drainage District, a drainage corporation of Volusia County, Florida, to issue certain interest-bearing time warrants for the purpose of raising funds to complete the system of drainage provided for said district and other lawful drainage purposes; providing for the levying of a special tax to pay the interest on and create a sinking fund for the redemption of such time warrants.

Very respectfully,

B. A. MEGINNISS,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 410, contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was received:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Florida, May 9, 1923.

Hon. T. T. Turnbull,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

Senate Bill No. 182:

A bill to be entitled An Act amending Section 3047 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida, fixing the dates of the terms of Court of the Sixth Judicial Circuit in and for the State of Florida.

Also—

Senate Bill No. 415:

A bill to be entitled An Act relating to Turnbull Special Road and Bridge District, in Volusia County, Florida, and authorizing the Board of County Commissioners of Volusia County, Florida, to make appropriation from the funds of said district to meet appropriation of the State Road Department.

Also—

Senate Bill No. 407:

A bill to be entitled An Act relating to and authorizing the Board of County Commissioners of Volusia County, Florida, to issue interest bearing time warrants for the purpose of securing funds with which to construct and repair certain public roads and bridges in said County, and providing for the payment thereof.

Also—

Senate Bill No. 396:

A bill to be entitled An Act to legalize and validate all Acts and proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners in and for Volusia County, Florida, ordering the election in Turnbull Special Road and Bridge District of said county on December 19, 1922, for the purpose of organizing said district and authorizing the issuance of bonds thereafter in the amount of Six Hundred Thousand (\$600,000.00) Dollars, and to validate and confirm the issuance of bonds pursuant to said proceedings.

Also—

Senate Bill No. 408:

A bill to be entitled An Act fixing the compensation of County Commissioners of counties which now have a population of more than twenty-three thousand and not more than twenty-three thousand five hundred and which have a

total assessed valuation of more than fifteen million dollars.

Very respectfully,

B. A. MEGINNISS,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bills Nos. 182, 415, 407, 396 and 408, contained in the above message were referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was received—

Senate Memorial No. 3:

A Memorial to the Congress of the United States requesting the Federal Government to take over and keep in repair the Florida Coast Line Canal and Inter-coastal Waterways, extending from Jacksonville, Florida; to Miami, Florida.

Very respectfully,

B. A. MEGINNISS,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Memorial No. 3, contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was received:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Florida, May 9, 1923.

Hon. T. T. Turnbull,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted—

Senate Memorial No. 4:

A Memorial to the Congress of the United States, requesting an appropriation for Road District No. 4 in DeSoto County, Florida, to reimburse said district for moneys expended in construction of a military road from

Arcadia to Carlstrom Field and from Arcadia to Dorr Field.

Very respectfully,

B. A. MEGINNISS,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Memorial No. 4, contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was received:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Florida, May 9, 1923.

Hon. T. T. Turnbull,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

Senate Bill No. 30:

A bill to be entitled An Act providing for scholarships at each of the two State Institutions of Higher Learning from the various counties of the State, and making appropriations therefor.

Also—

Senate Bill No. 64:

A bill to be entitled An Act to require biennial registration of all electors in counties having a population of 80,000 or more according to the Federal census of 1920 or any subsequent Federal census, in the same manner and to the same extent as now required by the Revised General Statutes of Florida in election precincts located wholly or in part within cities of more than 20,000.

Also—

Senate Bill No. 22:

A bill to be entitled An Act to revive and continue in effect an appropriation made by Chapter 6830, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1915, providing for teacher-training de-

partments in high schools and making appropriation therefor.

Very respectfully,

B. A. MEGINNISS,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bills Nos. 30, 64 and 22, contained in the above message, were referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was received:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 9, 1923.

Hon. T. T. Turnbull,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has indefinitely postponed—

Senate Bill No. 162:

A bill to be entitled An Act limiting the amount of tonnage by motor vehicle, and restricting the use of trailers and log, timber, turpentine or other carts, wagons or vehicles and well machines, over certain roads in Lake County, Florida, and regulating the speed of and the use of wagons, carts, machines or disc harrows, automobiles or other vehicles, over the roads of said county.

Very respectfully,

B. A. MEGINNISS,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives received:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 9, 1923.

Hon. T. T. Turnbull,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 688:

A bill to be entitled An Act to repeal Chapter 8625, Acts of the Legislature of 1921, entitled "An Act to authorize the Board of County Commissioners of Brevard County, Florida, to issue interest-bearing time warrants in the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars, bearing interest at six per cent per annum, and payable on or before a date twenty-five years after date thereof, for the purpose of constructing, widening, hard-surfacing and maintaining a public road and highway to be known as the Merritt Island Road in District No. 2 of said Brevard County, and to provide for the payment of the same."

Also—

House Bill No. 692:

A bill to be entitled An Act to regulate traffic upon the graded roads of Pasco County, Florida, defining such roads, restricting the weight of loads that may be hauled thereover, forbidding the use for certain purposes, limiting the speed of certain vehicles while using the same; and providing a penalty for the violation thereof.

Also—

House Bill No. 693:

A bill to be entitled An Act to authorize and empower the County Commissioners of Pasco County, Florida, to levy an annual tax for county publicity purposes and expend the funds so raised for advertising the resources of Pasco County.

Also—

House Bill No. 697:

A bill to be entitled An Act to make valid certain municipal improvement bonds of the City of Clearwater.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

B. A. MEGINNISS,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bills Nos. 688, 692, 693, and 697, contained in the above message, were read the first time by their titles and placed on Calendar of Local Bills.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was received:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Florida, May 9, 1923.

Hon. T. T. Turnbull,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 671:

A bill to be entitled An Act to confer further municipal powers on the City of Kissimmee.

Also—

House Bill No. 672:

A bill to be entitled An Act extending and enlarging the amount of bonds that may be issued by the City of Kissimmee, and regulating and providing for the issuance of the same.

Also—

House Bill No. 663:

A bill to be entitled An Act to establish the municipality of the Town of Melbourne Beach, fix its territorial limits, provide for its government and prescribe its jurisdiction and powers.

Also—

House Bill No. 685:

A bill to be entitled An Act fixing the period of redemption of lands in the Cocoa Drainage District that may

be sold for delinquent taxes assessed by the said District.
Accompanied by proof of publication of notice of intention to offer the bill for passage.

Also—

House Bill No. 686:

A bill to be entitled An Act authorizing the Cocoa Drainage District to borrow money, and issue notes therefor, payable out of annual installment and maintenance taxes.

Also—

House Bill No. 687:

A bill to be entitled An Act authorizing the appointment of a receiver to collect delinquent taxes of the Cocoa Drainage District, upon application of any bondholder, in case of default.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

B. A. MEGINNISS,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bills Nos. 671, 672, 663, 685, 686 and 687, contained in the above message were read the first time by their titles and placed on the Calendar of Local Bills on Second Reading.

The following message from the House of Representatives was received:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 9, 1923.

Hon. T. T. Turnbull,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—
House Bill No. 701:

A bill to be entitled An Act to amend Sections 37, 38 and 39 of Chapter 6389 of the Laws of the State of Florida, relating to authority to issue bonds and the issuance of bonds by the City of Plant City, Florida, and to amend

Section 12 of Chapter 6751, Laws of Florida, relating to street improvement by the City of Plant City, Florida.

Also—

House Bill No. 707:

A bill to be entitled An Act to make it unlawful for live stock to run or roam at large in the following parts of Okeechobee County, Florida: Townships 36 and 37, and fractional Township 38 of Range 35, and fractional Township 37 of Ranges 33 and 34, and fractional Township 38 of Range 34; to provide for the impounding and sale of such live stock so running at large; to provide penalties for the violation of this Act; and providing that persons damaged by such stock running at large may recover damages therefor, together with a reasonable attorney's fee, from the owner of such live stock.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

B. A. MEGINNISS,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bills Nos. 701 and 707, contained in the above message, were read the first time by their titles, and placed on the Calendar of Local Bills.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was received:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Florida, May 9, 1923.

Hon. T. T. Turnbull,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—
House Bill No. 297:

A bill to be entitled An Act fixing the pay of jurors attending the County Judge's Court in certain counties of this State, and prescribing the manner in which said jurors shall be summoned.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

B. A. MEGINNISS,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 297 contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary B.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was received:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Florida, May 9, 1923.

Hon. T. T. Turnbull,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—
House Bill No. 186:

A bill to be entitled An Act to amend Section 3498 of the Revised General Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to liens of certain persons upon farms, orchards, groves, gardens, parks or other grounds.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

B. A. MEGINNISS,

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 186, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary B.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was received:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Florida, May 9, 1923.

Hon. T. T. Turnbull,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—
House Bill No. 713:

A bill to be entitled An Act authorizing the County Commissioners of Glades County, Florida, to issue County Notes of Glades County, Florida, in an amount not exceeding Twenty-five Thousand (\$25,000.00) Dollars, for the purchase of machinery for the construction of hard surfaced roads and highways in the County of Glades and for material for maintaining and constructing public roads in Glades County, State of Florida; providing that the same shall have all the attributes of negotiable paper; and authorizing and requiring the Board of County Commissioners of Glades County, Florida, to levy sufficient tax to pay the principal and interest thereof.

Also—

House Bill No. 718:

A bill to be entitled An Act to authorize the Board of County Commissioners of Seminole County to levy and collect a special tax for the preservation of public health.

Also—

House Bill No. 722:

A bill to be entitled An Act relating to and authorizing Volusia County, Florida, to purchase the three bridges across the Halifax River at Daytona; relating to and authorizing the Board of County Commissioners of said county to issue time warrants or bonds for such purpose, and also to repair or rebuild said bridges, any or all; and relating to and authorizing the County Commissioners to fix and collect tolls and charges thereon.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

B. A. MEGINNISS,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bills Nos. 713 and 718, contained in the above message were read the first time by their titles and placed on Calendar of Local Bills.

And House Bill No. 722, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Putnam moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 722 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 722 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Putnam moved that the rules be further waived and that House Bill No. 722 be read a third time in full and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 722 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll on the passage of the bill the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Senators Anderson, Butler, Calkins, Campbell, Colson, Cone, Epperson, Etheredge, Hodges, Igou, Johnson, Knight, Lindsey, MacWilliams, Malone, Mapoles, Mitchell, Overstreet, Phillips, Putnam, Rowe, Russell, Scales, Shelley, Singletary, Stokes, Taylor, Wicker—29.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

And the same was ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was received:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 9, 1923.

Hon. T. T. Turnbull,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 730:

A bill to be entitled An Act authorizing the council of the City of Winter Park to levy a special tax for the year 1923, for publicity purposes.

Also—

House Bill No. 619:

A bill to be entitled An Act in relation to indentured pilot apprentices for the Port of Key West, Florida.

Also—

House Bill No. 342:

A bill to be entitled An Act fixing the compensation of County Commissioners of counties having a population of more than 40,000 and not more than 45,000, and which had a total assessed valuation for the year A. D. 1922 of more than twenty-seven million dollars (\$27,000,000.00).

Also—

House Bill No. 696:

A bill to be entitled An Act for the protection of taxi drivers in the collection of their fares in Santa Rosa County, Florida.

Also—

House Bill No. 744:

A bill to be entitled An Act to amend Sections 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, Chapter 5791, the same being "An Act to establish, organize and constitute a municipality in De Soto County, Florida, to be known and designated as the Town of Bowling Green, and to define its territorial boundaries and provide for its jurisdiction, powers and privileges," prescribing a method for the assessment and collection of taxes upon real and personal property within said municipality.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

B. A. MEGINNISS,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bills Nos. 730, 619, 342, 696 and 744, contained in the above message, were read the first time by their titles and were placed on the Calendar of Local Bills on Second Reading.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was received:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Florida, May 9, 1923.

Hon. T. T. Turnbull,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—
House Bill No. 749:

A bill to be entitled An Act to amend Sections 5, 38 and 39 of Chapter 5791 of the Acts of the Legislature of Florida, 1907, the same being "An Act to establish, organize and constitute a municipality in DeSoto County, Florida, to be known and designated as the Town of Bowling Green, and to define its territorial boundaries and to provide for its jurisdiction, powers and privileges," and to provide for the appointment of a town marshal by the Town Council of the Town of Bowling Green, Florida.

Also—

House Bill No. 758:

A bill to be entitled An Act to abolish the present municipality known as the City of Moore Haven, in Glades County, Florida; to create and establish a new municipality to be known as the City of Moore Haven, in Glades County, Florida; to legalize and validate the ordinances of said City of Moore Haven, and official acts thereunder; to fix and provide the territorial limits, jurisdiction and

powers of the City of Moore Haven, in Glades County, Florida, and the jurisdiction and powers of its officers.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

B. A. MEGINNISS,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bills Nos. 749 and 758, contained in the above message, were read the first time by their titles and placed on the Calendar of Local Bills.

Mr. Mitchell moved that 100 copies of Senate Bill No. 41 be printed.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Mapoles moved to waive the rules and that Senate Bill No. 297 be made a special order for consideration on Friday, May 11, at 11:15 o'clock A. M.

Mr. Malone moved that Senate Bill No. 132 be taken up out of its order and now considered.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And—

Senate Bill No. 132:

A bill to be entitled An Act to amend Section 2652 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida, 1920, relating to pleadings of the defendant and requiring pleas to be sworn to.

Was taken up in its order and read the second time in full.

Mr. Malone moved that the rules be further waived and that Senate Bill No. 132 be read a third time in full and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 132 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll on the passage of the bill the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Senators Anderson, Butler, Calkins, Campbell, Colson, Cone, Epperson, Etheredge, Hodges, Johnson, Knabb, Knight, Lindsey, MacWilliams, Malone, Mitchell, Overstreet, Phillips, Putnam, Russell, Stokes, Taylor, Wells, Wicker—25.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

And the same was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Etheredge moved that the Senate do now adjourn.
Which was agreed to.

Thereupon at 6:20 o'clock P. M., the Senate stood adjourned until 10 o'clock A. M. Thursday, May 10, 1923.

Thursday, May 10, 1923

The Senate met at 10 o'clock a. m.

The President in the Chair.

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Mr. President, Senators Anderson, Butler, Calkins, Campbell, Colson, Cone, Eaton, Epperson, Etheredge, Hodges, Igou, Johnson, Knabb, Knight, Lindsey, MacWilliams, Malone, Mapoles, Mitchell, Overstreet, Phillips, Putnam, Rowe, Russell, Scales, Shelley, Singletary, Stokes, Taylor, Wells, Wicker—32.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal of Wednesday, May 9th, was corrected, and as corrected was approved.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Rowe, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills on the part of the Senate, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 10, 1923.

Hon. T. T. Turnbull,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

(House Bill No. 591):

An Act validating all the acts and proceedings of the Board of Supervisors and all other officers and agents of North St. Lucie River Drainage District in St. Lucie County, Florida, and validating the bonds of said district